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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

I decided to take time out of my schedule today to write to you concerning the importance of the recent U.S. vs. Microsoft settlement. The settlement will benefit consumers and the public interest, and therefore no further action should be taken against Microsoft.

Although there are some terms in the settlement which I feel go too far and would not accept, I understand Microsoft's desire to wrap this suit up and move forward. The settlement itself is strong, requiring, for example, Microsoft to possibly disclose intellectual property rights. This could arise if a third party wants to exercise its settlement options. If it is determined that doing so would infringe on a Microsoft intellectual property right, Microsoft will provide the third party with a license to the necessary intellectual property. The settlement actually supercedes Microsoft's property rights. Further, compliance with these terms will be enforced in part by a Technical Committee to be created under the settlement.

This agreement gives Microsoft the freedom to focus exclusively on what they do best, that is, developing new and advanced technology that consumers like myself have come to expect, whether it is at home or work.

Sincerely,

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